

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
PROCLAMATION

EO 01-04

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME — GREETINGS:

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER ADDRESSING THE CREATION OF AN ARKANSAS ENERGY POLICY TASK FORCE.

WHEREAS, energy policy is an issue that has come to the forefront of the nation's attention; and

WHEREAS, the energy industry has a direct economic impact in Arkansas that amounts to billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, the energy industry indirectly benefits and affects literally every business and every consumer in our state; and

WHEREAS, several state agencies have overlapping jurisdiction and interests in energy issues; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the state to encourage inter-agency cooperation on energy issues;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Huckabee, acting under the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arkansas, do hereby order:

1. An Arkansas Energy Policy Task Force is hereby created, to be composed of the Director of the Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission; the Chairman of the Arkansas Public Service Commission; the Director of the Arkansas Department of Economic Development; the Director of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality; and the Regulatory Liaison of the Office of the Governor; or their respective designees.

2. The Director of the Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission shall serve as Chairman of the Task Force.

3. This Task Force may add to its membership as necessary to include representatives of other state agencies; representatives from academia, utility companies or other energy industries; and consumer advocates. However, these additional members shall serve in an advisory capacity only and shall have no vote.

4. The Task Force shall meet at the call of the Chairman and shall report its findings to the Governor as needed, with an initial report to be made no later than December 1, 2001.

5. Issues to be examined by the Task Force shall include a survey of Arkansas' current and future energy needs, and of current and planned energy infrastructure; a review of unreasonable regulatory barriers to the siting and completion of new energy infrastructure projects; a review of state efforts to encourage energy conservation and alternative energy sources; a listing of recommendations as to the guidelines and goals that state government should pursue in meeting Arkansas' energy needs; and other issues as the Task Force may encounter in its work.

6. The Task Force shall have no regulatory authority; it exists only to provide advice and counsel to the Governor and to the Arkansas General Assembly.

7. The Task Force shall complete its work and be dissolved no later than January 1, 2003.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed at the Capitol in Little Rock on the 4th day of November in the Year of our Lord, two thousand one.



GOVERNOR MIKE HUCKABEE

SECRETARY OF STATE SHARON PRIEST